

## Thought for the day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

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### **Needs and desires** (Acts 5: 27 -33).

Our needs vary from one individual to another. Is it best to obey human beings or to obey God?

Most of our needs and desires are material and practical needs, sometimes some are spiritual needs. Some people want more material things like money, or new environment, cars or even a new job or new home. Yet some may want deeper faith or to be drawn closer to God.

Above all these, God knows all our needs and desires. All we need to do is to believe and trust in God and he will provide for our needs. However, sometimes we are lacking in that trust in God. Sometimes we become doubtful like doubting Thomas. God is mindful of our needs, Consider what St Peter wanted more than anything else. When he was asked to stop preaching about Jesus. Peter and other apostles replied “ We must obey God rather than men! Put it in another way Peter and other apostles are saying that they want to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection more than anything else. (Philippians 3: 10). We too can share in this prayer knowing that God wants us to know the power of his resurrection in a way that will change our lives. This new power of Christ’s resurrection will enable us to be able to forgive and forget, be more patient and kinder and be ready to go the extra mile, even to turn the other cheek and become a good neighbour. In many cases our needs and desires becomes lighter by His grace.

We receive this grace at our Baptism, which is strengthened at Confirmation and at Eucharist. As in the hymn “What a friend we have in Jesus” take it to the Lord in prayer”.

**Bible Passage:** Acts 5: 27 -33.

**Hymn:** What a friend we have in Jesus.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpUQO0aryw>

**Prayer:** Lord help us to know and trust you more day by day, and your resurrection power and be a witness of a life in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
AMEN